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**Walter Reed Commander to Receive Promotion, Will Lead Army Nurse Corps**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Col. Patricia D. Horoho, current commander of the Walter Reed Health Care System (WRHCS), will be promoted to the rank of major general in a ceremony at 1 p.m. on July 11, 2008 in the Karen Wagner Sports Center, 6900 Georgia Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. The rare two rank promotion will follow a 10 a.m. change of command ceremony where Horoho, who has commanded the WRHCS since May 2007, will relinquish command to Col. Norvell V. Coots, most recently commander of Keller Army Community Hospital and 52nd Surgeon of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. Horoho will serve as the new chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

Prior to assuming command of the health care system, Horoho was the deputy commander for nursing at Walter Reed and the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command. She commanded the DeWitt Health Care Network at Fort Belvoir from 2004-2006.

Horoho was honored on Dec. 2, 2001, by Time Life publications for her actions on Sept. 11, 2001, at the Pentagon. On Sept. 14, 2002, she was among 15 nurses selected by the American Red Cross and Nursing Spectrum magazine to receive national recognition as a “nurse hero.”

MEDIA INFO: Media please RSVP by calling 202-782-0752 or emailing WRAMCPublicAffairs@amedd.army.mil no later than Noon on Wednesday, July 10. Information needed for event access include: names of all attending, license plate number, make, model, year and color of the vehicle. Reserved parking will be available for those who RSVP by deadline. All media are asked to be on site and parked by Noon. Media escort is required once on the installation.

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*The Walter Reed Health Care System provides comprehensive health care for more than 150,000 Soldiers, other service members, Family members and retirees in the National Capital Area. Its hub is Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the clinical center of gravity of American military medicine. For more information, visit [www.wramc.amedd.army.mil](http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil).*

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